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SUBJECT: GVN DESIRE TO BROADEN CONTACTS IN LATIN AMERICA.

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1. EMBASSY FILES SHOW THAT PROF. RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ LOPEZ BECAME SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE LATIN AMERICAN ANTI-COMMUNIST CONFEDERATION (CAL) IN JANUARY 1973. ADDITIONALLY, HE WAS ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF AND AS OF 1968 WAS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE MEXICAN ANTI-COMMUNIST FEDERATION (FEMACO). NEITHER OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS HAS APPRECIABLE INFLUENCE IN OR IS WIDELY KNOWN IN MEXICO. WHILE BOTH ORGANIZATIONS SEEM TO HAVE BACKING FROM ONLY A MINISCULE SEGMENT OF THE MEXICAN POPULATION, THEIR BACKERS APPEAR TO INCLUDE SOME VERY WEALTHY CONSERVATIVE BUSINESSMEN WHO APPARENTLY KEEP BOTH THE FEMACO AND CAL REASONABLY WELL FINANCED. ALTHOUGH FEMACO PUBLISHES A MONTHLY MAGAZINE, IT IS NOT WIDELY READ OR CONVINCING AND CONSEQUENTLY NOT VERY INFLUENTIAL. THE ECHEVERRIA ADMINISTRATION VIEWS RIGHT WING MOVEMENTS OF THIS TYPE WITH SUSPICION AND AS OPPONENTS. HENCE IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE FOR THE GVN TO CHOOSE RODRIGUEZ AS A CONDUIT TO THE GOM.

2. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT PROF.

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RODRIGUEZ AND HIS ASSOCIATES CANNOT SUBSTANTIALLY FURTHER

ANY GVN INTEREST WITHIN MEXICO. THE GVN WOULD BE WELL ADVISED TO KEEP ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH RODRIGUEZ AND THE GROUPS HE REPRESENTS WITHIN NORMAL AND SCRUPULOUSLY CORRECT LIMITS FOR THE GOM MIGHT REACT NEGATIVELY TO ANY EFFORT TO GO OVER ITS HEAD AND INFLUENCE OPINION IN MEXICO.
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